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1. A working-model (Funktionmuster) of the Zeiss infantry range-finder (Entfernungsmesser) type 09 has been made at Zeiss, Jena, and indications are that Zeiss will be in series production of the item for the first time since 1945. This device is made on the scissors principle, with a base-line of 90 centimeters. The identity of the purchaser is unknown.
2. In early March 1953, Zeiss specialists formerly employed in the construction of submarine telescopes met at Zeiss, Jena. The specialists were mainly assembly specialists (Monteure) who had mounted such instruments on German submarines during the war. The meeting was conducted on the Zeiss premises by an unidentified Soviet officer. Volunteers for the program were requested, and in answer to a direct question, it was stated that the program would involve personnel moving away from Jena. At least one specialist then declined to join the program. The locale of the planned program is unknown.
3. In early January 1953, Zeiss shipped six or seven A-1 training devices by rail to unit PIN 23 281 in Strausberg. This shipment was so made according to instructions of PIN 13655, also in Strausberg. The devices were to be delivered to a Soviet officer, (fnu) Shurakov or Zhurakov, of PIN 23 281. In late March 1953, Zeiss received a wire from the East German railways that no such PIN unit was located in Strausberg and requested further instructions as to disposition of the shipment. Zeiss is checking with PIN 13 655 on this matter.
4. Zeiss, Jena received an order in March 1953 from the East German Vöer Wirtschaftsföreren for the following items on a priority basis:
  - a. 150 Kreierclarineter
  - b. 150 Taschen-Kreisclarineter
  - c. 100 Hulfrich Photometer, type 17 (used in hospital laboratories)These items are to be delivered by Zeiss directly to the PIN in Berlin.
5. (fnu) from ( ) has taken the place of Dr. Loenne as chief of the Zeiss sales department (Leiter Vertrieb). Loenne was one of a number of Zeiss officials arrested on 22 March 1953 by the East German authorities.

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Fromm was formerly head of the Jena Labor Office; he then joined Zeiss, working in various sections, and became deputy to Woenne. (Fnu) Stanke (SED) is now acting chief of the Zeiss West Zone Bureau, since the arrest on 22 March 1953 of the former chief, (fmu) Buerkerbeil.

6. (Fnu) Heissleben, a spectrochemist normally working on the Zeiss, Jena premises, is actually responsible to the Office for Goods-Testing (Amt fuer Warenpruefung) in Halle. Heissleben spent four weeks at the Elektrochemisches Kombinat Bitterfeld (EKB) in early 1953 but has since returned to his office at Zeiss. The nature of his assignment at EKB is not known.

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